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Commissioner for Patents
P O Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004.

Applicant elects Group II for claims 6 to 11 for further prosecution.

In addition to the above, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the election/restriction requirement so that prosecution will include Group I (claims 1 to 5) and Group IV (claims 13 and 14). Upon review, it is submitted that these claims 1 to 5 and 13 to 14 cover subject matter sufficiently related to the claims in the elected Group II so that reconsideration and revision of the initial findings in this regard is appropriate.

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Respectfully submitted,



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